

In the Abstract:

On page 10, please amend the paragraph as follows:

~~Apparatus and method for fitting a web with transponders or transponder parts~~

Abstract

~~The invention relates to a~~An apparatus and method ~~device for printing~~ fitting at least one web that is driven continuously through ~~said the device with transponders~~, in addition to a method for printing said web. At least one unit (12, 13, 14) is integrated into the device (1) for the continuous transfer of individual transponders (10) or transponder parts (10a), which operate according to the radio frequency identification principle, from at least one continuous carrier belt (8) to the web (2). During ~~said the~~ process, the running speed of the carrier belt (8) is adapted to the running speed of the web (2), the latter speed being predetermined by the printing process. A connection device (11, 11a, 11b, 11c) connects the transponders (10) or transponder parts (10a) to the web (2) in a predetermined section of the carrier belt (8) and the web (2), when the speeds have been synchronised.